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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW; EAST-WEST TRADE

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1. AS A MATTER OF CONSISTENCY WITH POLICY SET OUT IN STATE 167617 OF NOT PROVIDING DOCUMENTS DEALING WITH MATTERS IN WHICH POLICY DECISIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN TAKEN OR IN WHICH THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION IS CONTINUING, WE DO NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE CONTACTS WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH COCOM AND CSCE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. SUGGEST EMBASSY SEEK TO PERSUADE GAO AUDITORS THAT,
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ON BASIS OF DEPARTMENTAL GUIDANCE, IT DOES NOT REGARD IT
AS ADVISABLE TO MAKE THESE APPOINTMENTS ON MATTERS
PRESENTLY AT NEGOTIATING STAGE.

3. WHILE WE HAVE GENERALLY SEEN EYE-TO-EYE WITH BRITISH
ON CSCE COMMITTEE II MATTERS, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
PRECEDENT OF FACILITATING GAO CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN
OFFICIALS ON PENDING CSCE TOPICS. IN CASE OF COCOM, WE
ARE ON EVE OF MAJOR LIST REVIEW RE-NEGOTIATION IN WHICH
US AND UK APPROACHES LIKELY TO BE SHARPLY DIVERGENT. WOULD
BE QUITE UNTIMELY FOR GAO TO PROBE BRITISH ATTITUDES AT
THIS STAGE.

4. WE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED USDEL TO CSCE TO PROVIDE
GAO WITH CERTAIN MESSAGES ON CSCE COMMITTEE II MATTERS
AND ARE WILLING TO EXTEND FURTHER HELP IN GENEVA OR
WASHINGTON, DESPITE RESTRICTIONS WE HAVE PLACED ON
MATTERS IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE
LINE SHOULD BE DRAWN ON GAO DISCUSSION OF PENDING TOPICS
WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

5. ADVISE IF ANY PROBLEMS ARISE IN WHICH CASE WE WILL
TAKE UP WITH GAO HERE. KISSINGER

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